

Minutes of the Descanso Planning Group (DPG)
Special Meeting October 21, 2008
5:00 PM at Descanso County Library

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Meeting called to order by the Chair, Jo Ellen Quinting

2. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
Members present/ absent by Seat number

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| 1. Terry Gibson, Present | 6. Trista Brant, Present |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting, Present | 7. Don Hickle, Absent |
| 3. Deirdre Carter, Present | 8. Claudia White, Present |
| 4. John Elliott, Present | 9. Walter Kirkwood, Absent |
| 5. Michael Sterns, Present | |

Rotation of Secretary/Recording of minutes this meeting: Deirdre Carter will act as recording Secretary.

3. Review of Draft Copy of the Background Data Section for the Descanso Community Plan and Vote for submittal of Final Copy to the Department of Planning and Land Use for the General Plan Update.
 - Corrections in spelling and punctuation made as per suggestions by Trista Brant.
 - Discussion on notes/changes suggested by Michael Sterns as per email submitted to all group members. The additions are aimed at highlighting the importance of horse property in maintaining the low density character of Descanso. Also, the Pacific Crest Trail is not ever very close to Descanso (runs through the Lagunas) but the California Riding and Hiking Trail has established easement on several of major and minor roads.
 - Discussion on notes suggested by John Elliott.
4. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor.
 - Community members Robert Merigan and Joyce Peterson provided background information.
5. **Motion to approve final copy of Descanso Background Data Section with amendments– Michael Sterns, Second –Jo Ellen Quinting.**
Passed 6-1-0-2
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Community Plan Subcommittee- Quinting report on the next steps including goals and policies but character and land use will be priority. Meeting next Wednesday, September 24, 4 pm at Library.

Motion- Quinting, second- Brant: Submit the unified Central Mountain Region Vision Statement to the Department of Planning and Land Use as the DPG proposed vision statement. Elliott suggested several wording changes. Quinting stated that she would review with the other planning groups. **Motion passed 7-1-0-0.**

D. Change of Meeting Place for the DPG: Discussion included meeting time that led to a decision to table.

E. Procedures to fill Planning Group Vacancies: **Motion- Quinting, Second- White: The procedures to fill Planning group vacancies on form DPLU- 900 be adopted in the DPG Standing Rules.** **Motion passed 8-0-0-0.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation, Bridges and Pedestrian Walkways

Announcements: Construction of by pass road for Viejas Blvd. bridge in front of the school has begun. Hickie read a notification that the speed limit on Japutal Road straight aways from I-8 to Tavern Road will be posted at 55 mph.

B. New information on the Proposed Equestrian Facilities Project.

None. Will request meeting with Park Superintendent or District Superintendent.

C. Approval of a New 5 Year Park Project Priority List for the expenditure of Park Land Dedication Ordinance Funds.

(Motion- Hickie, Second- Sterns: Extend meeting until 9:15 pm. Motion passed 8-0-0-0.)

White reported that she had been unable to meet with the school district. Quinting reported that the balance of fund available is \$149,163 as of 7/31/2008. Elliot reviewed the 8/8/95 joint project agreement. He will provide a copy to White. Tabled until October meeting.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR

Kirkwood donated a digital recorder to the group.

9. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Kirkwood requested a State Park representative be invited to review future plans and current challenges.

10. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Hickie reported the balance in the checking account was \$318.22. **Motion- Carter, Second- Hickie. Reimburse Quinting \$15.88 for purchase of recording tapes. Motion passed 8-0-0-0.**

Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 9:13 pm. Next meeting is on October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Michael Sterns, acting Secretary.